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NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 29th October 1964

No. 3/18/64-Pub.II.—The President has heard with deep regret of the death in the early hours of Thursday the 29th October, 1964 of Shri Hiralli Chennaya Dasappa, Minister of Industry and Supply.

Born on December 5, 1894, Shri Dasappa had his education at Mercara, Mysore and Madras. After taking a law degree from the Law College, Bombay, he entered the legal profession. While he was practising as an Advocate, his name was struck off the rolls of the Bar in July 1940, for political reasons. He was a Member of the Mysore State City Council from 1924 to 1938. A founder-Member of the Mysore Congress, he became its President in 1939. He was closely associated with Mahatma Gandhi and was an inmate of the Wardha Ashram for some years. During the freedom struggle he was imprisoned on several occasions.

Shri Dasappa was a Member of the Mysore Legislative Council from 1927 to 1938 and 1947 to 1950. He was Minister of Finance and Industries in Mysore State from 1947 to 1952.

Shri Dasappa became Member of the Rajya Sabha in 1954 and was elected to the Lok Sabha in 1957. He was Chairman of the Estimates Committee from 1959 to 1961. After re-election to the Lok Sabha in 1962, he was elected Dy. Leader of the Congress Party. He was appointed Minister of Railways in September 1963, and after a brief period as Minister of Irrigation and Power he became, in July 1964, Minister of Industry and Supply.

Apart from his valuable services to the country as a legislator and Minister, Shri Dasappa devoted considerable time and energy to other causes of social and public benefit. He was keenly interested in the propagation of Hindi. His sudden death is a great loss to the country which he served to the end with unremitting devotion.

L. P. SINGH, Secy.